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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE
SOURCE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA
MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100 Sole Source Contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into sole source contract agreement with the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA), located at 2125 19th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95818.

CMHDA is a private not-for-profit consultant services agency comprised of Mental Health Directors from each of the 58 counties within the State of California, as well as the cities of Berkeley and the Tri-City municipal special district that includes Claremont, Pomona and LaVerne. Its mission is to provide leadership, advocacy, expertise, and support to California county mental health agencies charged with serving individuals with serious mental illness. With the formation of a sole source contract agreement, CMHDA will continue to receive the necessary resources to effectively represent DMH's interest in mental health issues to the Department of Health Care Services – Mental Health Division, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Oversight and Accountability Commission, and other important stakeholders dealing with the development of public policy and various legislative regulations.

CMHDA is the only agency within the State of California that can speak on behalf of all county mental health departments regarding the delivery of specialty mental health services including issues related to funding and regulations. Its unique organizational structure of Mental Health Directors has enabled CMHDA to establish various legislative acts necessary to meet County and City strategic objectives in relationship to quality of care, funding, and promoting consumer-oriented policies that support wellness and recovery efforts. Without CMHDA's level of leadership, advocacy, and support to the counties that provide mental health services, the quality of care will be seriously impacted. No other entity within the State has this level of support or direct expertise to develop policy that speaks directly to the issues of the mental health community. The

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extension of a sole source contract renewal with CMHDA will allow DMH to continue its efforts in addressing regulatory issues that are currently impacting the public mental health system which is particularly important as we move forward with the implementation of health reform. Finally, CMHDA has expertise in the implementation of innovative mental health therapeutic programs, focusing on those that utilize the arts to promote expression and improve mental health outcomes for vulnerable populations.

This extension of the sole source contract agreement will be for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The contract will be funded with Sales Tax Realignment County General Fund in the amount of \$145,700, Intrafund Transfer from Department of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$15,000, MHSA – Prevention and Early Intervention Juvenile Justice Aftercare Program in the amount of \$35,000, and MHSA Planning and Implementation in the amount of \$196,366 for a total of \$392,066.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board, DMH will proceed with extending a sole source contract agreement within two weeks. DMH will work closely with the Office of County Counsel in preparing an amendment with CMHDA.

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